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SUBJECT: TREASURY STEEL TASK FORCE VISIT TO JAPAN

REF: STATE 120520

1. REPORT ON EVENTS THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MAY 17: IN  
INTRODUCTORY MEETINGS ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, MITI AND  
INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT THEY ARE VERY  
RELUCTANT TO GIVE US MANY OF THE TYPES OF INFORMATION WE  
REQUESTED IN OUR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS. MOST OF MAY 16  
WAS SPENT DISCUSSING PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON  
JAPANESE INDUSTRY AND ASKING MANY QUESTIONS TO SET THE  
STAGE FOR RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL DATA NEXT WEEK. IN  
PRIVATE LUNCH, IWASAKI INDICATED FULL COMPLIANCE WITH OUR  
REQUESTS IS NOT POSSIBLE, BUT THAT PARTIAL COMPLIANCE IS  
BEING EXPLORED BY BIG 6 PRODUCERS. IN VIEW OF OUR NEED  
FOR MORE DETAILED AND FRANK DISCUSSION WITH BIG 6  
REPRESENTATIVES, WE DIVIDED THE TASK FORCE INTO TWO  
GROUPS. THE FIRST GROUP (ANAWATY, CRANDALL, BARNETT,  
DOOSKIN) STAYED IN TOKYO FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17. REMAINDER, LED BY VUKMANIC, BEGAN  
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PLANT VISITS IN OKAYAMA. THE TWO GROUPS WILL MEET UP  
MORNING OF MAY 18 FOR PLANT VISITS THROUGH  
MONDAY, MAY 22, WHEN WE WILL RETURN TO TOKYO FOR  
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.

2. MAY 17 DISCUSSIONS WERE MORE FRANK; WE REPEATED  
OUR NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR INFO TO BE PROVIDED NEXT

WEEK. WE MET PRIVATELY WITH IWASAKI TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING MORE DETAILED COST BREAKDOWNS, IF NOT BY INDIVIDUAL COMPANY, THEN BY 6-COMPANY AGGREGATES FOR EACH PRODUCT. IWASAKI WILL DEAL WITH INDUSTRY REPS DURING OUR 5-DAY ABSENCE TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE DEPTH OF DATA WE ARE GIVEN.

3. A CENTRAL CONCERN OF THE JAPANESE IS WHETHER WE CAN ASSURE CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA WE RECEIVE. OUR APPROACH HAS BEEN THAT DATA IS BEST PROTECTABLE IF (1) JAPANESE COMPANIES GIVE DATA TO THE GOJ; (2) GOJ CLASSIFIES DATA BASED ON JAPANESE LAW; AND (3) GOJ THEN GIVES US DATA WITH A LETTER REQUESTING THAT THE U.S. HONOR THE JAPANESE CLASSIFICATION. IN THIS WAY, WE ARE NOT MERELY PROTECTING CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (WHICH MAY BE VULNERABLE IN COURT) BUT ARE HONORING A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT'S PRESUMABLY LEGITIMATE CLASSIFICATION. WE REQUEST ADVICE ON WHETHER THIS APPROACH WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PROTECTION AGAINST DISCOVERY IN LITIGATION. WHAT IS RESULT IN DAVIS WALKER DISCOVERY? WAS THE PROCESS OUTLINED HERE FOLLOWED FOR JAPANESE-PROVIDED INFORMATION? BRUCE PALMER HAS DONE MEMO ON FOIA PROTECTION OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, BUT WE NEED TO TAKE THE ANALYSIS INTO A LITIGATION CONTEXT. ANYTHING YOU CAN PROVIDE BY NEXT MONDAY WILL BE VERY HELPFUL IN OUR SEARCH FOR DATA.

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4. THE JAPANESE HAVE ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STATUS OF PENDING STEEL ANTI-DUMPING CASES AND DAVIS WALKER CASE. NEED UPDATED REPORT ON THESE MATTERS TO EXTENT WE CAN DISCUSS WITH JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES.

4. WILL REPORT AGAIN MONDAY, MAY 22, AFTER SERIES OF PLANT VISITS. MEANTIME, REACHABLE THROUGH GREGG RUBINSTEIN AT U.S. EMBASSY TOKYO, PHONE 583-7141, EXT. 7836. MANSFIELD

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